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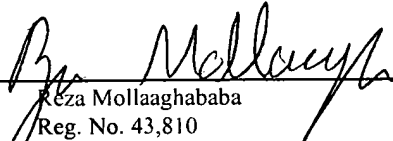
Re: U.S. Patent Application No: 09/613,940
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Entitled: **NETWORK DEVICE INCLUDING CENTRAL AND
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Applicants: Corey Simons et al.
Atty Docket No: 102689-27 (00-U0021)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In Related Applications

Please amend the specification by inserting at page 1, subheading "Related Applications" - This application is a continuation-in-part of application number

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